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### JAPANESE COMPETITION IN CHINA.

"Mr. J. Chapman, in the course of a letter to the 'Manchester Guardian,' writes—

"On two recent occasions you kindly permitted me to examine the character and magnitude of British sales in China as compared with those of other nations. In the first instance we saw to what a trifling extent British and American transactions were really in conflict. Concerning the second case, when similar methods of analysis were applied to German activities, we found, after allowing for non-competitive predominance on one side or the other, that articles exhibiting serious competition were relatively very few and of slight importance. A third instance, that of Japan, is generally supposed to be the worst of all. Will you kindly allow me to look into that also?"

Adopting as before a predominant qualifying ratio of 4 or more to 1, we shall find in this case, as in the others, that except for a small portion of each country's business selling transactions by Japan and Great Britain in China during 1911 were almost mutually exclusive. Aggregate British and Japanese sales were respectively valued at £12,693,333 and £10,694,655. If these figures stood in any large measure for the same goods they would indicate very severe competition. But they do not. A careful classification of the detailed items shows that £10,149,000 worth of certain British goods were disposed of. Japan furnished the same things to the value of £375,798 only. In other words, of articles which made up about six-sevenths of British sales to China our merchants sold nearly 27 times as much in value as those of Japan did. For every sovereign's worth of these goods sent by Great Britain, Japan managed not quite nine-pennyworth, and that despite an enormous advantage in geographical position. Nobody will pretend that in this portion of our trade at least anything approaching a neck-and-neck-struggle between Japan and Great Britain was in progress.

On the other hand, a further series of commodities came from Japan to a value of £8,573,872. The British share in such articles reached £346,201 only. Of those goods, therefore, Japan supplied nearly 25 times as much as Great Britain. It can hardly be said that in this group also any effective competition between the two countries was in evidence.

To put the matter shortly, therefore, competitive conditions existed only in between somewhat less than one-seventh of the British and one-sixth of the Japanese business accomplished. In regard to six-sevenths of British and five-sixths of Japanese sale transactions in China, there was no competition worth mentioning as between the two countries.

Of the remaining items recorded, Great Britain supplied £1,205,125. Japan's share being £1,299,840. Two-thirds of the former amount (£807,440) stood for articles predominantly supplied by this country, Japan being represented by £434,679. Articles showing a Japanese predominance amounted to £777,807, against a British share of £298,086. Upwards of three-fourths (77.5 per cent.) of our sales to China consisted of goods supplied by the United Kingdom to a value of £10,371,679 nearly 14 times as great as that from the United States of America, Germany, and Japan combined (£789,243). In face of these facts, can it be maintained with sobriety that Japanese competition in China is as yet either strenuous or menacing to British trade interests?

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Hongkong, September 2, 1908. 11

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Applications for same should be made in writing to the Undersigned.

JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 24, 1913. 1155

### HONGKONG CLUB.

#### NOTICE.

THE Twenty-Fourth Drawing of Sixty-Five Debentures of the Hongkong Club, (1896 issue, \$100.00 each) was held in the Club House on FRIDAY, the 19th September, 1913, when the following DEBENTURES were DRAWN for REDEMPTION—

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By Order, JAMES CRAIK, Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1913. 1180

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Sinking Fund Account £8,674

£22,561,238

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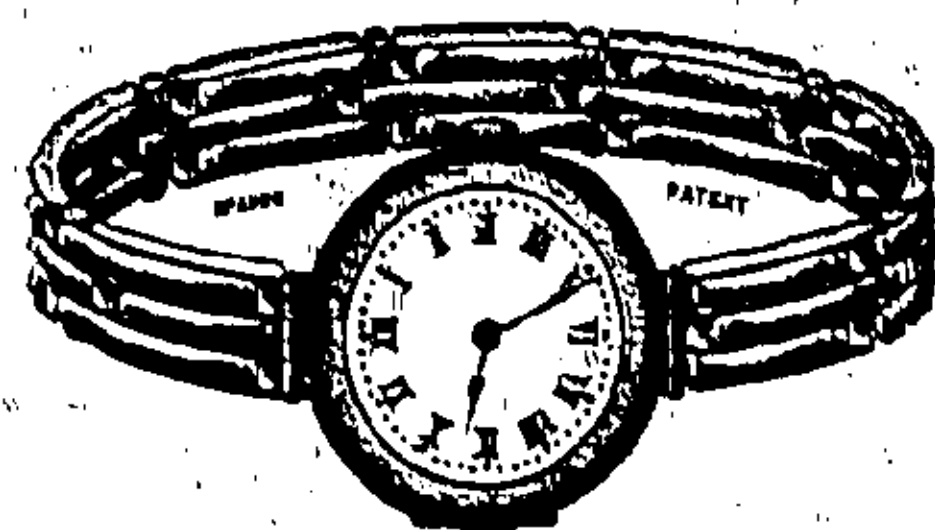
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## HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the OFFICES of Messrs JAMES MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 2nd October, at 8.30 p.m. SIX A-SIDES. Entries CLOSE THURSDAY, 2nd October. Names to be sent to J. C. TAYLOR, Messrs JAMES MATHESON &amp; Co., Ltd.

A. MURDOCH, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1913. 57

## HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the premises of that Company, Pedder Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the fourth day of October 1913, at 12 o'clock noon when the sub-jointed resolution will be proposed—

"That the following new Article be inserted in the Company's Articles of Association after Article 10 thereof:—10A. 'The Company shall pay dividend in respect of any cash or other shares of the Company in proportion to the amount paid up on each share where a larger amount is paid up on some shares than on others.'"

Should the above Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 22nd day of September 1913. By order of the Board of Directors. J. H. TAGGART, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 22, 1913. 1144

## THE DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 11th October, 1913, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and 8 statements of Accounts to 31st July 1913.

Accounts to 30th June 1913. THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 11th October, both days inclusive. By Order. M. MANUE, Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 24, 1913. 1165

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## THE FASHION IN GEMS.

A GROWING BOOM IN OPALS AND RUBIES.

For some time past a reason lately lapidaries have been aware that the opal and the ruby are enjoying a popularity which is somewhat unusual. From the earliest days rubies have been looked upon as one of the finest and most-to-be-desired jewels, but within recent times there has been quite a boom in rubies, and in opals also. In the case of the latter, one reason advanced for the increasing popularity of the gem is that the old notion that the opal was unlucky is being reversed not only by popular opinion, but by historians.

Opals, a representative was informed, have now become a lucky stone, and in society it is being recognised that to have a ruby is to be the possessor of a kind of charm to bring good fortune. Some ladies are wearing opals at the racetrack, and at least one City man has been induced by his wife to wear an opal in his scarf-pin, so that he may be successful in his dealings on Change. The black opal, which is the most rare of the varieties of the gem, is much sought after, but any of the many kinds are being eagerly bought up. The best opals in the market to-day come from Australia, though good specimens are also to be had from Hungary, Honduras, and elsewhere. The most fashionable cut at present is in the drop shape on both sides, so that the beauties of the "life" within the gem are shown as it is moved about.

So far as the ruby is concerned, it was the opinion of an expert that the present boom is simply owing to people beginning to know the beauties of the jewel. "It is, crimson fire," he said, "remains unrivalled. All the large rubies, including the stone shown in France some time ago, and valued at £14,000, come from a little village named Mogok, which lies in a valley in Burma."

The civilised world knows nothing of the famous ruby mines there, for the road lies through forest which is seldom trod by man. A few Englishmen who live there have laid out a plain ground, and between this and the town are the mines. The diggings are slowly eating up the village, and the main street is already half destroyed. The work goes on all day and all night, the ruby-bearing earth being brought up in iron trolleys. A few strangers who have called at the mines have been told by the officials that they can keep any ruby they may find, but no one has ever been able to find one yet.

The gems are embedded in the gold-coloured clay, which stretches along the whole of the valley, and it is only after the earth has been washed that the rubies are seen on the tables. There is a story told of a man who searched for months along the valley in the hope of finding a ruby, but he had to give up in despair. Dealers are experiencing the beginning of the boom in these gems, and it is expected that in a few weeks, when the London season begins, the market will be in full swing.

## CLEAN LONDON.

A CITY WHITE AMERICAN ADMIRE.

Testimony to the success of garden city and garden suburb schemes in England and also of much of the town planning which is to be seen here is borne by Mr. Richard B. Watrous, secretary of the American Civic Commission, the members of which have sailed for New York after their European tour. Mr. Watrous remarked:—

"We were greatly struck by London, by its wonderful cleanliness, considering the size of the city. But this is overshadowed by the magnificent system of garden suburbs which have grown up, and where the inhabitants, a few miles from the metropolis, are able to enjoy the advantages of fine air and splendid gardens."

"Above all, we admired the Tottenham estate of the London County Council. Here, for 12s. a week, a man is able to get a six-roomed house, with bath-room, wash house, and garden, within six miles of the centre of the city. I believe that this plan will be available in a number of American cities."

"Our report will go fully into the financial details, and I believe we shall be able to show that the scheme is entirely practical."

## THE OBJECTIONS TO MISS MAUD ALLAN.

While we agree entirely that India is the place which Miss Maud Allan as an artist ought to avoid, we nevertheless deplore the bad taste with which the objections to her appearance on the stage in that country have been stated by some of our leading contemporaries. The ostensible object of the agitation has been to safeguard British moral prestige in the eyes of the Indian public. The end actually achieved by the large amount of nauseous cant written on the subject has inevitably been to convince every Indian who has read it that English people exist in public exhibitions of an unwholesome and lewd nature against which it is necessary to protect our fairer fellow-subjects in India. The original perfectly reasonable objection, based on the divergence of Eastern and Western ideas of propriety, has been overshadowed by arguments which savour of sheer hypocrisy. It would be far better in our opinion for these performances to be given in India than that the people of that country should receive the impression that there was anything intrinsically objectionable in them. One paper in Calcutta has burst forth with the factually theatrical remark that Maud Allan's dancing would "lower British morals to the dust." It respect for British morals in India hung by so slender a thread as that it would have disappeared long ago.—Times of Ceylon.

## MAGISTRATE CASUAL.

Mr. de Grey Breaks Stones at a Work-house.

The Hon. John de Grey, the Lambeth Police Court magistrate, recently paid a visit to the Lambeth Workhouse, and in pursuance of a promise made some time ago, tried his hand at breaking stones.

He worked for fifteen minutes, wearing a pair of spectacles such as are supplied to the inmates.

Mr. de Grey's self-imposed task is the result of the prosecution at his court on June 27 of a young casual who had refused his task of breaking 100wt. of stones. He declared that the task was an impossible one, and the workhouse master declared that it was quite easy.

Mr. de Grey bound the young man over, and announced his intention to see for himself what the task was like.

## MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Disastrous Fire in Philippines.

A disastrous fire which practically wiped out the business section of the town and entailed a loss of over P1,000,000 occurred at Lucena, Tayabas, P.I., on Sept. 19. The blaze originated in the office of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., during the afternoon and, fanned by a strong northeast wind, burned fiercely for upwards of four hours.

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## INTIMATIONS

THE CHINESE TELEGRAPH ADMINISTRATION.

NOTICE

FEE FOR REGISTERING TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES.

NOTICE is hereby given that from the 1st proximo this ADMINISTRATION will make a CHARGE of \$12 per annum for every registration of Code Address.

All such TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESSES which are REGISTERED at this Office will be CANCELLED on the above given date.

Firms or persons who wish to continue their former Code Addresses are requested to notify this Office of the fact and at the same time to pay the registration fee of \$12.

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Hongkong, 27th Sept., 1913. 1169

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## THE LAND OF THE BLUE POPPY.

Some forty years ago a botanist taking stock of what was known of the flora of China could only say that it amounted to little more than what was to be found at Hankow, and in the neighbourhood of Peking. Grisebach in 1872, in his great work "Die Vegetation der Erde," was obliged to confess that we can only guess at the richness of the Chinese flora; and in fact neither Hongkong nor Peking gave much promise of the splendid harvest that was still in store for us. The revelation came gradually, and out of speculation. It began when the Russian traveler Przewalsky found the mountains of Kuen-shan, with red, white, and blue rhododendrons, like those of Sikkim explored by Sir Joseph Hooker; it continued when the gatherings of Père David and other French missionaries in Western China were worked out in Paris; and the veil was finally lifted by the vast collections made by Dr. Henry, one of Sir Robert Hart's officers, in Hupoh and Yunlin. It was then evident that the flora of Western and Central China is an vast expansion of that of the eastern Himalayas; perhaps now it would be more true to say that the latter is a western offshoot of the former. Elwes in 1873 hardly anticipated botanists by establishing the Himalayan region for birds. The discovery of the tea plant in Assam early in the last century was too isolated a fact to be fully appreciated.

Botanists have to be content with herbarium specimens, but as soon as the beauty and interest of the plants filtered into common knowledge they were coveted in a living state by the possessors of Alpine gardens. To gratify this is no easy matter; plants must be first marked down in their flowering stage, and the localities revisited in the late autumn to collect the seed—a far from light undertaking at heights of 12,000 ft. and upwards. And so it came about that Mr. Ward was invited by a Liverpool enthusiast to take up the work "on the Tibetan border of Yunnan." A young Cambridge graduate, he dedicated his book to the memory of his father, the late Professor of Botany whose untimely death robbed his science of a man of singular insight into its problems. Mr. Ward, after some experience of travel in Western China, had settled down to "humdrum life" in Shanghai. But he lost no time in obeying the summons; and in a couple of pages we are taken by sea and Burma to Bhamo, that tragic portal of the East. We are soon immersed in the exploration of an area that can hardly have a parallel on the earth's surface. This is "The land of deep corrosion" of the Tibetans. We are half through the book before we find the key to the author's own title. At 17,000 ft., springing from amongst huge blocks of grey stone, I found the glorious Cambridge blue poppy wort (Meconopsis speciosa), one of the most beautiful flowers in existence. Three of the biggest rivers in Asia, the Salween, the Mekong, and the Yangtze, break through side by side from the Tibetan plateau. So near do they lie that with their dividing ridges they can be crossed in a week. Yet the whole thing is on so gigantic a scale vertically that Mr. Ward thinks that mere erosion working on lines of weakness is inadequate to explain it. He is driven to the theory that "the region seems to have been subjected to terrific lateral pressure," and this has compelled it to buckle up in parallel lines as one might buckle up a piece of cloth. The Salween-Mekong divide intercepts the monsoon from Assam and sends the snowline on the eastern divide some 2,000 ft. upwards. Standing on the narrow watershed which parts the streams flowing into two oceans, Mr. Ward sees that torrents feeding the Salween, which already flows some 1,500 ft. lower, must cut their way back eventually, and the Mekong will be "beheaded."

Though the Chinese officials received Mr. Ward with courtesy and kindness, and even sympathetic interest in his work, they regarded his presence in the country with "a wary face." They were constantly haunted with terror that they would get into trouble if he got into difficulty. They insisted on his having an "escort of braves," and he had to resort to strategy to diminish them. His return journey did not cause him much anxiety, though the few scattered Europeans, missionaries and officials, thought it prudent to leave the country, and did so without difficulty. He found La-chi-mi occupied by the revolutionists; the apathetic local officer, who was a prisoner in his yamen, received him with confusion and seemed to think the presence of an Englishman would secure him fair play. Captain Li, the revolutionary leader, was extremely civil, and furnished "Mr. Wha" with cards, which solved all difficulties of his way to T'eng-yueh.

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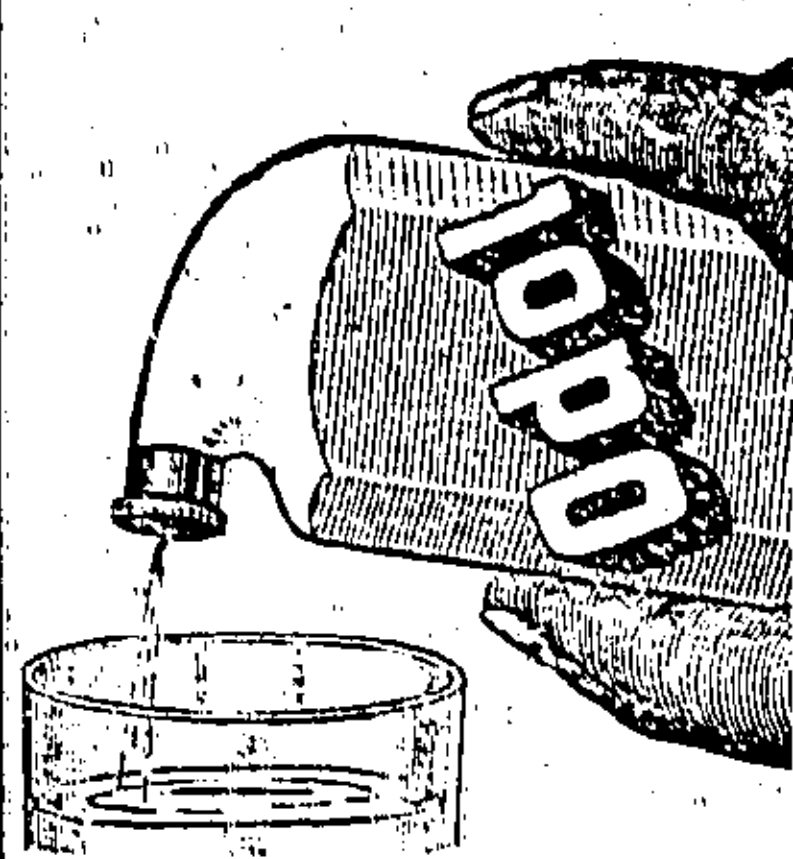
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Atlas	Admiralty tug	—	—	—	Master W. West	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Comdr. R. S. Prichard	Shanghai
Briarcliff	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lieut.-Comdr. W. H. Darvall	Shanghai
Cadmus	sleep	1070	6	1400	Comdr. H. P. R. Williams	Hongkong
Cherub	water tank and tug	390	—	300	Master H. Smith	Hongkong
Ohio	sloop	1070	6	1400	Comdr. Colin Mackenzie, D.S.O.	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	360	—	5700	—	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd cla	4580	10	7000	Capt. C.F. Corbett, M.V.O.	Shanghai
Hampshire	cruiser, 1st class	10,850	10	20,500	Capt. M. R. Hill	Waihaiwei
Kinsh	river gunboat	818	4	1200	Lt.-Comdr. H. D. Marryat	Yangtze
Merlin	sleep	1040	—	—	Capt. F. C. G. Pasco	Labuan
Minotaur	cruiser, 1st class	14,800	—	27,000	Capt. E. B. Kiddle	Waihaiwei
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9800	—	22,000	Capt. B. H. F. Bartolot	Waihaiwei
Moorehead	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Com. Alan Dixon	Canton
Newcastle	cruiser, 2nd class	4800	12	23,000	Capt. Frederick A. Powlett	Waihaiwei
Nightingale	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lieut.-Com. Malcolm Murray	Yangtze River
Osiris	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6300	Lt.-Comdr. R. Wilkinson	Hongkong
Ribble	torpedo boat destroyer	690	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. E. J. G. Mackinnon	Waihaiwei
Road	depot ship, submarines	930	—	1400	Comdr. N. R. Archdale	Hongkong
Robin	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Nash	Hongkong
Sandpiper	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Com. I. A. S. Hutton	West River
Snipe	river gunboat	85	2	240	Lt.-Comdr. Maurice B. Leslie	Yangtze River
Taku	torpedo boat destroyer	350	6	6800	Gunner W. H. Ryder	Hongkong
Tamar	receiving ship	4550	—	—	Commodore R. H. Anstruther, C.M.G. Hongkong	—
Tal	river gunboat	180	2	800	Lt.-Comdr. Hon. G. Stopford	Upper Yangtze River
Thistle	river gunboat	710	2	900	Lt.-Com. H. R. N. Cottrell-Dormer	Hongkong
Uk	torpedo boat destroyer	580	—	7500	Lt.-Comdr. Maxwell	Waihaiwei
Vingo	torpedo boat destroyer	550	6	6300	Lieut.-Com. Borden-Whetham	Waihaiwei
Welland	torpedo boat destroyer	580	—	7500	Comdr. Seymour	Waihaiwei
Whiting	torpedo boat destroyer	580	6	5900	Lt.-Comdr. R. Neville	Waihaiwei
Widgeon	river gunboat	190	2	800	Lt.-Com. J. C. F. Borrett	Upper Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	600	Lt.-Com. M. Blackwood	Yangtze River
Woodlark	river gunboat	150	2	600	Lt.-Comdr. Lloyd	Yangtze River
C.36	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. F. J. McGillevie	Hongkong
C.37	submarine	—	—	—	Lt.-Comdr. J. Gaimon	Hongkong
C.38	submarine	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. R. E. C. Pope	Hongkong
.035	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Handley	West River
.036	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Hildesheim	Hongkong
.037	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. Nicol	Hongkong
.058	torpedo boat	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. H. W. Seymour	West River

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## Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and description.	Tons.	Guns.	a.r.	Captains.	Last report at.
Kaiser Franz Joseph 1.	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	400	—	—	Capt. H. Nasta	Shanghai
Dupleix	French armoured cruiser	10,014	30	20,000	Capt. Darlay	Hongkong
Kleber	French armoured cruiser	9710	12	19,600	Capt. Gout	Hongkong
Decade	French gunboat	445	10	1500	Lieut. Vandier	Saigon
Argus	French river gunboat	180	6	570	Lieut. Dordet	Canton
Vigilante	French gunboat	123	7	500	Lieut. de Jerville	Tongks
Peibo	French gunboat	130	—	—	Lieut. Collin	Tongks
Dondard de Lagree	French gunboat	—	—	—	Lieut. Dupuy Dutemps	Tchong-King
* Flagship of Rear-Admiral Colloch de Kerillis, Commander-in-Chief, the French China Station.						
Lynx	French sub-marine	—	—	—	Lieut. Bolux	Saigon
Protée	French sub-marine	—	—	—	—	Saigon
* Styr	French armoured gunboat	1788	10	1700	Lieut. Guillaume-Louis	Saigon
Fronda	French destroyer	350	7	300	Lieut. Aurillac	Saigon
Iberville	French destroyer	—	—	—	Capt. de Frigate Rouisen	Hongkong
Pistolet	French destroyer	130	7	300	Comdr. de Marquessar	Saigon
Mousquet	French destroyer	307	6	300	—	Saigon
Manche	French surveying-ship	1625	10	9000	Comdr. Voisin	Saigon
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Amidon	German cruiser	3800	22	13,500	Capt. v. Reck-Jaff	Swatow
Grausman	German armoured cruiser	11,800	36	26,000	Captain Brunnighaus	Taiwan
Iliss	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. v. Gohren	Shanghai
Jaguar	German gunboat	900	12	1300	Comdr. Vanselow	Taiwan
Leipzig	German cruiser	3250	24	11,000	Capt. Bohneke	Taiwan
Luchs	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Bendemann	Taiwan
Nürnberg	German cruiser	3400	22	13,200	Capt. Mörseberger	Hongkong
Other	German river gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Lieut. Fille	Yangtze River
Scharnhorst	German flag ship	11,900	36	26,300	Capt. Rösing	Taiwan
S. 90	German torpedo-boat	400	8	8500	Capt. Lieut. Berrenberg	Taiwan
Taku	German torpedo-boat	280	4	8000	Offiz. z. S. Claassen	Taiwan
Tiger	German gunboat	900	10	1350	Comdr. Böcker	Taiwan
Taiyang	German river gunboat	223	4	1300	Capt. Lt. Frls. Speth v. Schulenburg	Canton
Vaterland	German river gunboat	223	4	500	Offiz. z. S. Prinz	Shanghai
Calabria	Italian cruiser	4145	—	—	Comdr. Sommi Piccardi	Shanghai
Admirator	Portuguese cruiser	1767	—	—	Capt. Anibal de S. Dias	Macao
Macao	Portuguese gunboat	—	—	—	Capt. Martins	Macao
Patris	Portuguese gunboat	700	—	—	Captain José de Carvalho Orato	Macao

## UNITED STATES VESSELS ATTACHED TO ASIATIC STATION.

Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	a.r.	Commander.	Last report at.
U. S. submarine	—	—	—	—	Ensign C. Mc Murray	Cavite
U. S. protected cruiser	—	—	—	—	Lieut. E. D. McWhorter	Cavite
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	—	—	—	Ensign J. C. Van de Carr	Cavite
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	—	—	—	Ensign O. M. Yates	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Com. M. L. Bristol	Cebu
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	—	—	—	Ensign H. A. Jones	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Lieut. R. Hill	Cavite
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	—	—	—	Ensign W. L. Heiberg	Canton
U. S. protected cruiser	—	—	—	—	Lieut. F. J. Fletcher	Cavite
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	—	—	—	Comdr. S. S. Robinson	Cavite
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	—	—	—	Lieut. O. A. Woolnif	Cavite
U. S. torpedo-boat destroyer	—	—	—	—	Lieut. B. H. Green	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. S. Gannon	Shanghai
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Comdr. G. R. Marvel	Shanghai
U. S. station ship	—	—	—	—	Lieut. R. V. Lewis	Cavite
U. S. monitor	—	—	—	—	Lt. E. P. Starr	Cavite
U. S. monitor	—	—	—	—	Commander J. V. Chase	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Lieut. B. B. Taylor	Cavite
U. S. sea going tug	—	—	—	—	Lieut. S. W. Wallace	Cavite
U. S. repair ship	—	—	—	—	Lieut. W. O. Wallace	Cavite
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Lieut. J. J. Hannigan	Shanghai
U. S. cruiser	—	—	—	—	Lt. Comdr. D. W. Witzelbach	Swatow
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Lt. G. C. Dickman	Shanghai
U. S. armored cruiser	—	—	—	—	Comdr. H. A. Wiley	Swatow
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Lieut. E. Durr	Shanghai
U. S. gunboat	—	—	—	—	Comdr. J. F. Hubbard	Hongkong
U. S. tug	—	—	—	—	Chief Boatswain, E. F. Boddie	Cavite

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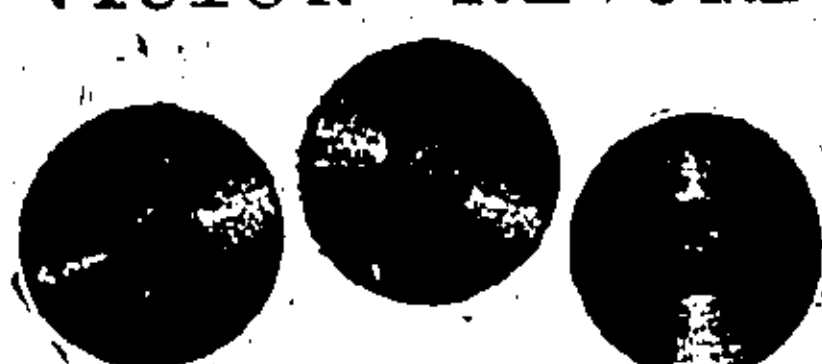
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MADAM.—On September 23, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, after a long lingering illness, WILLIAM SCOTT MADAM, aged 58 years.

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The U.S.S. "Whitington" sailed this morning.

The transport "Soudan" is due at Colombo to-day.

The English and French Mails of the 3rd and 26th August was delivered in London on the 27th September.

A Chinese was fined \$2,000 or six months for being in possession of opium.

The death took place at the Roman Catholic Hospital, Hankow on September 26, Mr. E. Duceau Harris, chief officer of the s.s. Chang-on. Mr. Harris, who was thirty-three years of age, came from Devon and was well known having been on the China coast for twelve years.

A woman who had been previously fined, was ordered to pay \$4 by Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's today for selling papers without a license. A small boy who was similarly charged stated that he had no license, but he had a badge with the name of the paper on it. He was told to get a license, and was discharged.

During the week ended Saturday last eight fatal cases of bubonic plague occurred. There were also notified six fatal cases of enteric, the patients being a Britisher, a German, a Scotsman, a Dutch Jew and three Chinese. Of six cases of cholera notified, all Chinese, one was imported. Of 356 cases of plague notified since January 1st 322 have ended fatally.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rani Mada of Sarawak (the Hon. Mrs. C. V. Brooke) gave birth to a daughter at 18, Davies-street, W., on 2nd inst.

Captain L. C. Taylor, South Wales Borderers, has been appointed to a company of gentlemen cadets at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Major-General Sir A. J. Forsyth Reid, who had a distinguished military career in India and China, died at his residence at Abeyne, Aberdeenshire, on Sept. 4.

Major P. B. Morris, D.C.L.I., who brings out the draft for the 2nd Battalion of that regiment, will be second in command of the battalion says the L. and C. Express.

Captain Simpson, M.V.O., Yorkshire Light Infantry, has been detailed for a tour of duty with the 3rd Reserve Battalion, Postoffice, in relief of Captain E. C. Johnson, appointed adjutant of the latter battalion.

A marriage has been arranged between Noel Buckle, of Yokohama, Japan, formerly of Exmouth House, Stoke, Devonport, son of Mrs. F. A. Buckle, of St. Bernard's, Westgate, Kent, and Rosabelle Victoria Carne Ross, younger daughter of the late Major J. J. Ross, P.A.S.L.I., formerly of Trevelan, Penzance.

Major R. R. Airey, Army Service Corps, who goes to North China for duty, began his service in the South Wales Borderers in 1895, and afterwards joined the Army Service Corps, with which he served in the South African War, including the operations in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony (Queen's medal with three clasps and King's medal with two clasps).

Mr. J. K. Davis, formerly in the U. S. Consular Service at Shanghai, and who was later appointed to Peking, has arrived at Shanghai accompanied by Mrs. Davis, en route to Canton, to which port he has been appointed in succession to Vice Consul General Tenny, who has been transferred to Peking as assistant Chinese Secretary of Legation. Mr. E. T. Williams, first Secretary and Charge d'Affaires at Peking since the departure of Mr. Calhoun, has been appointed head of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs at Washington, D.C., and his post of first Secretary will be filled by Mr. W. R. Peck of the Consular Service.

Mr. Donald MacLaine, Campbell, of Glendon, Kingswood-road, Upper Norwood, S.E., late of Samarang, Java, retired East India merchant, late of the firms of Messrs. MacLaine, Watson and Co., of Batavia; of Fraser, Eaton, and Co., of Surabaya; and McNeill and Co., of Samarang, who died June 1 last, aged 43 years, left estate of the gross value £22,994, of which the net personality has been sworn at £20,341. Testator left to his wife an annuity of \$8,000 florins (Dutch) whilst residing in the Dutch Indies or £3,000 per annum if residing elsewhere. He also left to his legacy of £10,000, all cash in house, his household and personal effects, and such sums as she may have to pay by way of taxes or charges on her income; and also the use for life of his silver marked with a small crown. He left £2,000 to his parents, £2,000 to his brother Ian, and £1,000 to each of his brothers and sisters.

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A salesman and partner in a Chinese import and export firm at 64, Connaught Road Central has reported to the police that another partner in the firm stole \$2,700 in money and three thousand catfish of pigs' bristles, valued at \$5,500, and afterwards absconded.

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## FIRE AT WANCHAI.

A BIG BLAZE.

A fire broke out this morning shortly before five o'clock on the first floor of 20 and 31, Morrison Hill Road, Wanchai—two houses used as a store for building materials. An alarm was given as soon as the fire was noticed, and curtains were hurriedly sent from the Wanchai Fire Station. The buildings had been utilized for a considerable time as godowns for the storage of scaffolding, and some of the material is stated to have been in the place for as long as thirty years. It was not long before the interior was a mass of flame, and it was apparent that it was hopeless to try and save it. The brigade after its arrival of the firemen from the Central Fire Station, confined their attention to the spread of the flames to adjacent dwellings on each side of the store, which were in imminent danger of becoming involved in the blaze. The smoke from the burning building was very dense and black, and two or three of the men engaged in fighting the flames were rendered unconscious. They were attended by residents in the district, and were given restoratives. Sergeant Pitt sustained a severe blow upon his arm by falling debris. The fire was got under control about six o'clock, and the hard work of the firemen was almost responsible for the spread of the blaze to the adjoining houses. The brigade operated under the direction of Mr. Woodhouse, Asst. Supt. of Police, and Inspector McFarlane was in charge of the police, who had some difficulty in keeping back the large crowd which assembled. Two firemen had a narrow escape while playing a hose through a window in the front of the premises. A large quantity of brick work fell, and the men only had just sufficient time to get out of the way of the falling debris. The building material consisted of not only scaffolding, but dried palm leaves, which fell in a very heavy shower. The contents were insured in the South British Insurance Company for \$2,500, but the damage to the building caused by fire and water, amounting to some \$6,000, was not covered by insurance. It was found necessary to keep the door on the smouldering ruins until about three o'clock this afternoon. The residents of adjoining dwellings have to thank the brigade for their hard work, which alone saved them from being involved in the blaze. As it was, many had begun to remove their valuables in anticipation of the flames spreading. When the fire was at its height, the flame and sparks rose to a great height, and the blaze could be seen from a considerable distance.

Two other small fires occurred in Hongkong during the week-end.

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(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## A MILITARY DEMONSTRATION AT BELFAST.

## ULSTER AND HOME RULE.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

Sir Edward Carson has recovered from his illness, and will review the Volunteers to-day.

General Richardson will be in command, Colonel Hackett Paine, Chief of Staff, Lieut. Colonel T. McCammond, Officer in Command of the Administration; Captain W. B. Spender, of the Special Reserve, Assistant Quartermaster General, and Captain F. Hall, Military. Regimental commanders include Colonel Wallace, Special Reserve; Captain the Hon. Claud Chichester, late of the Royal Artillery; Major F. Crawford, late of the Royal Artillery; Major McCammond, M.P., Irish Guards; Colonel W. McCammond, Special Reserve, and Major Lennox-Conyngham Warwick. Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P., acts as galloper for General Richardson. The Volunteers will advance to the tune of the "British Grenadiers."

Sir Edward Carson has received a telegram from Mr. R. C. Hicks, the famous aviator, offering his services in case of need.

Special intercessory services are to be held at Belfast to-day, the anniversary of Ulster Day.

## HOLIDAYING IN THE CITY.

For the half-holiday in Belfast the city was gaily decorated. The weather was dull. Thousands assembled in the streets and cheered lustily as four regiments of the Ulster Volunteers marched to the agricultural show ground at Balmoral, from north, south, east and west of Belfast. A great and enthusiastic crowd assembled on the review ground. The four regiments drew up in front of the grand stand, the signalling corps being on the left, the despatch riders, who were mounted on motor cycles, and who escorted Sir Edward Carson, being on the right.

## THE INSPECTION.

Sir Edward Carson, accompanied by General Richardson, received a great ovation. The Volunteers came to attention, and Sir Edward Carson and General Richardson inspected them. The Volunteers then "indicated" the salute by advancing in review order fifteen paces when they halted and cheered three times for the Union.

Great Union Jacks were broken at the flagstaff in the centre of the ground and the bands played "Rule Britannia" and the National Anthem.

## SIR E. CARSON ADDRESSES THE VOLUNTEERS.

Sir Edward Carson briefly addressed the Volunteers, and the ceremony concluded with a March Past in column of fours. Then the regiments, headed by the bands, marched off to the dispersing point.

## A STARTLING INCIDENT.

During the procession through the streets a revolver was fired and a child shot in the leg.

Sir Edward Carson, addressing the Ulster Volunteers, said that when he saw such a splendid and overwhelming force he was confident of their ability to establish a provisional government. He promised them that as long as they stood firm they would never have Home Rule.

## GOVERNMENT'S NEW PROPOSALS.

MR. URE'S PREDICTION.

Mr. Alexander Ure, the Lord Advocate speaking at Uphall, near Edinburgh, said that the provisional government in Ulster would collapse by its own weight in a few weeks, and that the bank would treat it as they would a South American revolution. If the Conservatives shook off the domination of the Orangemen the Government would be ready to negotiate the question and give greater representation to Ulster in the Irish parliament, and they would listen favourably to proposals giving Ulster absolute control in education and religious affairs. He rejoined to observe indications which he hoped would strengthen them next week in the direction of a conference for friendly compromise.

## AN ULSTER CAMPAIGN IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The Irish Unionist Members of the House of Commons have decided on a second tour of Great Britain in October and December.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

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## CABINET MINISTERS TO MEET.

Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George are the guests of the Chief Liberal Whip, Mr. P. H. Hingworth, at Brodick Castle, Arran.

Mr. Runciman, President of the Board of Agriculture, arrives at Brodick Castle to-day, and Mr. Winston Churchill on Monday. It is generally believed that important discussions will take place on the Home Rule question. Afterwards Mr. Asquith proceeds to Balmoral Castle as the Minister in attendance on the King. It is regarded as certain that the Premier will review the situation with His Majesty.

## THE BALKANS' FERVENT.

## GREECE AND TURKEY.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

A message from Constantinople states that the Porte has informed Greece that it will resume peace negotiations immediately the peace with Bulgaria has been signed.

## BULGARIA'S KING.

A Sofia telegram states that King Ferdinand is going abroad for a short cruise.

## TURCO-BULGARIAN TREATY.

The Turco-Bulgarian peace delegates have settled all outstanding questions and the Peace Treaty will be signed immediately—not later than the 29th instant.

## A MASSACRE OF GREEKS.

The Embassies have received telegrams reporting the massacre of 200 Greeks in Western Thrace.

## MONTENEGRO'S LOSSES.

Reuter's correspondent at Cetinje wires that an official computation of Montenegrin casualties in the war places the number at 10,381.

## MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT IN THE FAR EAST.

## PEOPLE TO BE RECKONED WITH.

OTTAWA, Sept. 28.

The Canadian Minister for Trade, Mr. Foster, in a speech reviewing his recent tour in the East, said the manufacturing development of China and Japan imported into problems of the future a productive power which would create some confusion in the great centres of the world. These peoples were to be reckoned with, and the lesson he wished to impress upon Canada was the cultivation of neighbourly relations with all the countries bordering the Pacific Ocean.

## AN AMERICAN MILLIONAIRE'S ESTATE.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

Mr. Anthony Brady, an American millionaire, left estate in the United Kingdom to the value of £1,315,528. The death duties on the estate exceed £210,000.

## LONDON INDUSTRIAL UNREST.

## ANOTHER STRIKE SETTLED.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The strike of Messrs Carter, Paterson and Company's employees has been settled. The Company has recognised the Union, and has granted other concessions.

## BRITISH ARMY MANOEUVRES.

## THE KING HIGHLY GRATIFIED.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The King has conferred the Commander-in-Chief of the Victoria Order on Major-General Robertson, who has been His Majesty's guide during the manoeuvres.

At the close of the manoeuvres, the King acted as President at a Conference of Officers, and in the course of a speech remarked that the scheme of exercises had entailed the employment of a larger force under one command than ever before. His Majesty was glad to notice the increase in the number of aircraft, and had experienced great pleasure in seeing so many Territorials co-operating with the Regulars. He was also delighted to welcome the Overseas officers, from what he had observed, he was convinced that great strides had been made in the practical training of all ranks, and he was greatly impressed by the keenness of both officers and troops.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE CECIL-LOYD GEORGE SQUABBLE.

LONDON, Sept. 29.

Correspondence between Lord Selborne and Mr. Lloyd George, which is published, shows that Mr. Lloyd George's allegations concerning the investments of certain members of the Cecil family while in office followed upon a letter from Lord Selborne requesting the Chancellor of the Exchequer to explicitly formulate his criticisms of Lord Selborne's public conduct. Lord Selborne replied on September 25, declaring that it was clear that the unnamed relative of the Marquis of Salisbury referred to in the letter of the 22nd referred to himself, and that as the Chancellor's vagueness appeared to be due to his not being sure of the facts, he took the liberty to acquaint him that on his appointment to the Under-Secretaryship of the Colonies in 1895 he offered to resign his directorship in the P. and O. Steam Navigation Co., but the late Lord Salisbury, then Prime Minister, declared that it was unnecessary, as he was not a Cabinet Minister, and shipping contracts were not negotiable by the Colonial Office.

Between 1895 and 1900 only one contract with the P. and O. Co. was made, which was in 1897 after public tender. He had not participated in the negotiations, therefore it was not a case in which public duty and private interest ever conflicted. When he came to the Admiralty in 1900 he resigned from the Directorship and sold his shares. He concludes: "Whether any member of the government, however subordinate, should hold a directorship in a public company is a fair question for discussion, but it is wholly different in that respect of which the House of Commons recently accepted your expression of regret."

## MR. BRYCE IN IRELAND.

## A SIGNIFICANT VISIT.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

The Right Hon. James Bryce, formerly British Ambassador to the United States, visited Belfast on Friday, and afterwards left for Dublin. Significance is attached to his visit, as he was formerly Secretary of State for Ireland.

## JAPAN AND CHINA.

## TEN JAPANESE WARSHIPS NEAR NANKING.

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The Times correspondent at Peking says that the Japanese Minister has called the attention of the Chinese Government to its failure to comply with the Japanese demands arising out of the Nanking incident, and has declared that if satisfaction is not accorded in three days Japan will consider herself free to take whatever steps she may deem necessary.

Ten Japanese warships, crowded with marines, are lying in the Yangtze near Nanking.

## GENERAL CHANG APOLOGISES.

Reuter's Nanking correspondent telegraphing yesterday stated that General Chang Hsun, with a body-guard of fifty cavalry, visited the Japanese Consulate in the morning and apologised for the killing of the Japanese by the Nanking regiments. The General's troops were to go to the Consulate in the afternoon and present arms.

The Japanese Consul has expressed satisfaction.

## OFFICIAL JAPANESE STATEMENT.

A telegram from Peking states that the Japanese Legation denies that Japan presented an ultimatum on the 27th inst. It was further stated that the Chinese had fully complied with the demands.

## BRITISH FIRMS' CONCESSIONS IN AMERICA.

## "FAR REACHING POSSIBILITIES."

LONDON, Sept. 27.

The Standard says that Messrs. Pearson & Co.'s concessions in Columbia possess far-reaching possibilities. It is not improbable that the construction of an inter-oceanic canal along the course of the Atrato River will be undertaken, which will minimise the importance of the Panama Canal. The question may lead to a re-statement of the Monroe doctrine.

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## KING OF GREECE IN LONDON.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

King Constantine of Greece has arrived in London. Accompanied by the Greek Minister, his Majesty has visited Sir Edward Grey at the Foreign Office.

## THE PEARL NECKLACE THEFT.

## FRENCH DIAMOND BROKER'S UNAPPRECIATED TURN.

PARIS, Sept. 28.

M. Quadraststein, the French diamond broker who was concerned in the recent pearl necklace case, appeared at a music-hall in Paris to explain the pearl necklace mystery. He was booed by the audience, however, and was unable to speak for the tumult.

## DUBLIN LABOUR TROUBLE.

## RELIEF FOR THE STRIKERS.

LONDON, Sept. 28.

The Trade Union relief ship has arrived at Dublin. Thousands of people lined the quay. The strikers unloaded the vessel, the first work they have done for a month, and immediately distributed the goods in sheds to eager and hungry crowds, each person receiving a package of various rations, weighing twenty pounds.

## COMMERCIAL.

## MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd., Manchester, in their Weekly Market Report, dated Sept. 4, state: "The prices for American Current Month during the week have been August 29th 6.73, 30th 6.70, Sept. 1st 6.72, 2nd 6.82, 3rd 7.05, and to-day at noon 7.08. Spot Mid American being quoted August 29th 7.00, 30th 6.97, Sept. 1st 7.03, 2nd 7.06, 3rd 7.40, and to-day 7.40."

The publication of the United States Bureau Report last Tuesday caused the most sensational rise since the excitement attending the short crop in 1900.

The figures show the condition of the crop up to August 25th, for the entire belt as 68.2 as against 79.5 on July 25th, the depreciation during the month therefore is 11.4 which compares with 1.7 last year and 15.9 two years ago. The Report of course confirms all the reports circulated during the past few weeks of heavy deterioration from drought in the South and South West. In Oklahoma there is a drop of 36 points, the condition now being 45 against 81 last month and a 10 year average of 77. Texas comes next with a fall of 17 points to 64 against 81 in the previous reports, and a 10 year average of 72. The figures are certainly worse than even pessimists anticipated, and figures at New York were run up 67 to 71 on Tuesday and 22 to 30 points on Wednesday. New York Spot being advanced 80 points on the two days.

The report is undoubtedly very bullish as will be seen from a very rough calculation as to what the ultimate crop may be—in 1901-2 the condition report at the end of August was the same as it is this year—the yield per acre was about the average viz. 1.40, and on this basis the present growing crop should be about 134 million bales. Statisticians put the consumption for the next year at 144 million bales, so that the outlook for a lower basis than say what ruled a week ago, is not very hopeful, and those friends who bought fairly well two or three weeks ago are justified in what they did. We shall no doubt have some reaction in prices in a few days as the report was somewhat discounted in the advance of the "pet" fortnight, but it must not be overlooked that the deterioration has continued since the Bureau figures were made up on the 25th ult.

Business here in Piece Goods for the moment is quite at a standstill, and in many cases manufacturers are refusing to quote—at Liverpool Spot Mid American was advanced 34 points yesterday, and is unchanged to-day. Spinners were up in some cases 1d. per lb. since last Friday, and although many buyers are now willing to come up to last week's level, this is impossible except in a few isolated cases where yarn had already been covered.

The news from China in this week more encouraging and the auctions have been resumed in Shanghai with fairly satisfactory results. Auction goods must however have accumulated to a large extent, but it is usually the case that after a stoppage there is a fair demand and things move more rapidly.

The first general memorandum on the cotton crop of India for the season 1913-14 is to hand, but its details are rather incomplete and no attempt is made this season to estimate the probable output. The present condition is however reported to be generally good, and there is an increase in acreage under cotton of almost 20 per cent. as compared with last year.

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## DUKE'S MILLION WILL.

## £200,000 IN DUTIES TO THE TREASURY.

## Probate has just been granted says the "Daily News and Leader," of the will of the fourth Duke of Sutherland, who died on June 27, leaving desolately estate valued at £1,220,000, the net personalty being £254,900.

## This is the third millionaire-estate of the current financial year, and the fourth of the calendar year. The Duke, as is well known, was one of the largest owners of land in the country, and in late years he also acquired large holdings in Canada.

## 34,000 WORDS.

## The will is a bulky document of nearly 34,000 words. In the course of it the testator declared:

"I desire that my body may be cremated unless my wife shall object, in which case I desire my body to be buried in a wooden or perishable coffin in the earth, and not in a vault, and I desire that my ashes or my body (as the case may be) shall be buried at Dunrobin in the new burial ground I have arranged for, and that my funeral may be conducted in as simple a manner as possible, and I hope that the burial ground will be adopted as the burial place of my body."

It may be recalled that the Duke was buried at Dunrobin "in the earth."

To his wife, who has various settlements, he left £8,000, the bulk of his jewellery, two motor-cars, a house and land and effects at Woking; also the gift to her of a house and furnishings at Rushmore, as well as a jointure of £24,000 per annum on his Scotch estates during her widowhood, and of £5,000 on the Lifford estates.

## ANNUITIES FOR EMPLOYEES.

After making provision for his children, the Duke bequeathed:

Life annuities of £200 to his secretary, Alexander Simpson, and his financial secretary, Edwin Arnold Prowse.

An annuity of £250 to Lily Watson, head nurse at the nursing home at 15 Henrietta Street, "in recognition of her kindness, skill, and care after a serious operation I underwent."

A life annuity of £104 to his valet, and sums ranging from £300 to £100 to a number of other employees.

## BIG WINDFALL FOR TREASURY.

The total amount of duties on all the property passing by the death of the late Duke will reach a sum which has probably not been equalled since the death of the late Duke of Westminster. The whole will, however, probably not be paid for some time, as it is usual in such cases to spread the payment over a series of years. The duty payable on the valuation entered in the present grant will amount to about £200,000.

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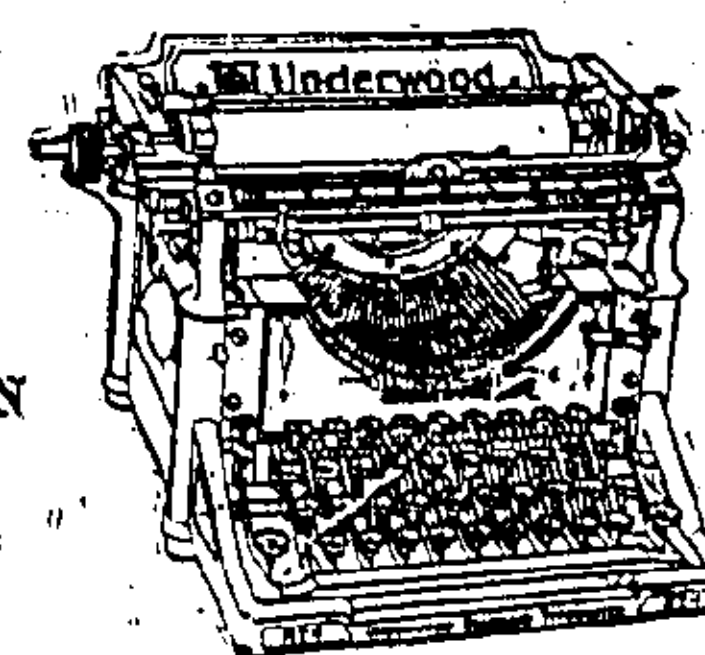
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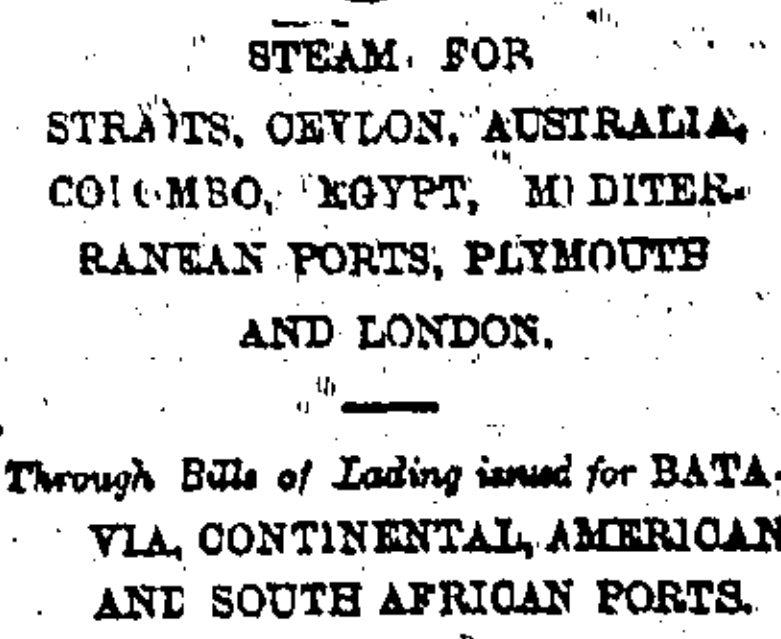
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